

**United States District Court**

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

Ashley Branch

**ORDER OF DETENTION  
PENDING TRIAL**

Case Number: 1:09 Cr 116

In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), a detention hearing has been held. I conclude that the following facts require the detention of the defendant pending trial in this case.

**Part I – Findings of Fact**

- (1) The defendant is charged with an offense described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1) and has been convicted of a  federal offense  state or local offense that would have been a federal offense if a circumstance giving rise to federal jurisdiction had existed – that is  
 a crime of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4).  
 an offense for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or death.  
 an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in \_\_\_\_\_  
 A felony that was committed after the defendant had been convicted of two or more prior federal offenses described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(A)-(C), or comparable state or local offenses.
- (2) The offense described in finding (1) was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state or local offense.
- (3) A period of not more than five years has elapsed since the  date of conviction  release of the defendant from imprisonment for the offense described in finding (1).
- (4) Findings Nos. (1),(2) and (3) establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of (an) other person(s) and the community. I further find that the defendant has not rebutted this presumption.

**Alternate Findings (A)**

- (1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense  
 for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in the Controlled Substances Act  
 under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).
- (2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding (1) that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

**Alternate Findings (B)**

- (1) There is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.  
 (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

**Part II – Written Statement of Reasons for Detention**

I find that the credible testimony and information submitted at the hearing establish by a preponderance of the evidence that

defendant is a 20-year-old woman with a serious drug addiction problem involving methamphetamine and no visible means of support. Despite her age, she has a five-year criminal history that includes drug crimes, property crimes, and crimes of violence. Her record includes numerous failures to appear, probation violations, and failures to report while under supervision. She is currently on probation for a drug offense. See 18 USC §. 3142(g)(3)(B). Her complete inability to abide by probation orders and the conditions of bond in past cases establishes that no combination of conditions will adequately assure appearance in this case.

**Part III – Directions Regarding Detention**

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

April 22, 2009

Date

/s/ Joseph G. Scoville

Signature of Judge

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 Joseph G. Scoville, United States Magistrate Judge  
 Name and Title of Judge
 

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